# About the Code Compliance Division

The City of El Paso enhances the quality of life and economy of our community by enforcing regulations that preserve and protect neighborhoods. This publication is an effort to enhance understanding and cooperation between the city's Code Compliance Division and the citizens of El Paso.



### Code Compliance Division

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#### Did You Know?

- The El Paso City Code is available online at http://www.elpasotexas.gov/virtual.asp.
- Some of the most common code violations are: overgrown vegetation, such as tall weeds; illegal dumping; and prohibited signs, such as garage sale signs, within a public right-of-way.
- The Code Compliance Division offers weekend enforcement.
- The City can clean properties after the required legal notification is made to the owner. Clean up costs are passed on to the property owner.
- Code Enforcement Inspectors are available to meet with organizations, such as neighborhood associations, to review and explain code requirements. To schedule a presentation call (915) 599-6290.

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### STAY UP TO CODE

### **Prohibited Sign Violations:**

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### Code Enforcement: Prohibited Signs

### Prohibited Signs (El Paso City Code 20.18.140)

**The law:** Placing signs on utility poles, traffic control devices,

sidewalks, medians or other public property is not permitted.



What is the penalty for this violation? A prohibited signs violation is considered a Class C



misdemeanor, which carries a fine of no less than \$100 and no more than \$500. Court costs may apply.

Are signs permitted in any location? Free-standing signs made of wood, metal, plastic, or

hardboard no larger than 5 square feet and no greater



than 36 inches in height are allowed in a parkway only between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Where can temporary banners be placed? Temporary banners shall be secured to a building façade, masonry wall or fence. The maximum allowable size of the banner is 100 square feet.

Are streamers, strings of ribbon or tinsel allowed



or tinsel allowed to be attached to a utility pole? No. It is not allowed under the municipal code.

## Can parked vehicles or trailers be used for advertising? A

parked vehicle or trailer displaying a sign is prohibited if it is parked on a



site for a continuous period exceeding 72 hours.

Can a portable sign be used on-site? A permit is required for portable on-premise signs for a max duration of 365 consecutive days. Illumination is not permitted



on a portable signs. Portable signs shall be placed on a minimum of 300

feet spacing from any other portable sign, and no closer than 50 feet from any free-standing sign.

Where can property real estate signs be placed? Temporary real estate signs must be placed no

less than 3 feet from public property and no less than 13 feet from the curb.



How can I track information related to my code violation or a violation I've reported? Anyone with access to a computer with an Internet connection can access code enforcement and compliance history data by clicking on the "Look Up Your Code Enforcement Case" link at www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental\_services.